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SUBJ: USS ALYWIN (FF-1081) AND USS LAPON (SSN-661) PORT
VISIT TO ISRAEL (U)

1. PORT VISIT OF SUBJECT SHIPS TO ISRAEL IS CONSIDERED
A TOTAL SUCCESS. THE OFFICERS AND MEN TOGETHER WITH
THE IMPRESSIVE MILITARY APPEARANCE OF THE USS ALYWIN
AND USS LAPON PROVIDED THE PERFECT EXAMPLE OF US
DIPLOMACY AFLOAT.

2. DURING THE USS ALYWIN AND USS LAPON SHIP VISIT TO
ISRAEL, THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE CONSIDERED NOTEWORTHY:

A. SEVERAL KEY MEMBERS OF THE KNESSET AS WELL AS THE OFFICIAL
RESPONSIBLE FOR GRANTING SHIP VISIT CLEARANCES FOR CONVENTIONAL
AND NUCLEAR WAR SHIPS PARTICIPATED IN TOUR OF SHIPS AND
LUNCHEON ON BOARD. BOTH THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION AND THE
COUNSELLOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS ACCOMPANIED THE KNESSET
MEMBERS ON THIS TOUR.

B. THE USS ALYWIN AND USS LAPON PROVIDED THE IDEAL REPRESENTATION FOR THE U.S. NAVY IN CELEBRATING THE INF'S BIRTHDAY.
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USN HOUSTED FUNCTIONS ON BOARD, USN BIRTHDAY CAKE, USN SHIP
AND CEREMONIAL DRESS, AND COUNTLESS MILITARY COURTESIES RENDERED
SMARTLY BY THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THESE SHIPS ALL CONVEYED
TO THE INF A "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" MESSAGE.

3. ONCE AGAIN THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL SHOWED THEIR WARMTH OF
HOSPITALITY TO THE AMERICAN SAILOR. SIXTH FLEET SHIPS VISITS

TO ISRAEL SERVE AN IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC ROLE, BUT EQUALLY IM-
PORTANT, THESE SHIP VISITS PROVIDE THE MUCH NEEDED REST AND
RELAXATION FOR THE FINE OFFICERS AND MEN THAT MAN OUR SHIPS.
TO THE USS ALYWIN ANND USS LAPON - WELL DONE.
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